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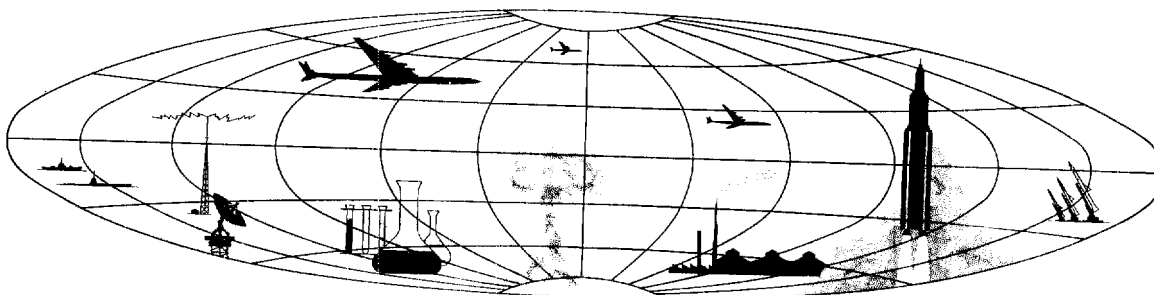
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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3537, DATED 6 APRIL 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES 2303N 08207W

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS WITH MISSILES, 4 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE 2257N 8317W

SITE ABANDONED. NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS (4 CANVAS-COVERED), CANVAS-COVERED HOLD AREA, AND A CANVAS-COVERED, OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 6  
CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN HOLD AREA, 5  
MISSILE TRANSPORTERS ADJACENT TO HOLD AREA, AND A  
CANVAS-COVERED RADAR.

25X1D

25X1A

LOS ANGELES SAM SITE 2100N 7541W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED  
MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

APPROXIMATELY 25 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS  
VISIBLE.

25X1D

25X1A

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

SITE APPEARS COMPLETE.  
NO MISSILE EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

25X1A

SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2309N 08156W

TWO REVIEWED CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, A  
CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE REVETMENT, AND SEVERAL  
VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

SITE CONTAINS 2 LAUNCHERS, 10 CANVAS-COVERED  
CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES, 4 COVERED TRANSPORTERS,  
AND 10 CANVAS-COVERED PROBABLE PRIME MOVERS.

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GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

46 CRUISE-MISSILE-TYPE CRATES AND APPROXIMATELY 100  
VEHICLES (INCLUDING 12 PROBABLE PRIME MOVERS)  
OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

-AIRFIELDS-

HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

AIRCRAFT -- 7 PROBABLE FAGOT/FRESCO AND ONE  
LIAISON-TYPE VISIBLE.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 36 FISHBED, 4 FARMER, 17 FAGOT/FRESCO, 10  
B-26, ONE T-6, AND 6 UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE LODESTAR, 3 CONSTELLATION, 2  
BRITANNIA, ONE C-46, 3 C-54, ONE B-26, ONE GOOT, AND 4  
CAB.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

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CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 8 COLT, 2 CAB, 3 CRATE, ONE PBY, AND 48  
LIAISON.

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MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.  
APPROXIMATELY 60 VEHICLES ON EAST END OF RUNWAY.

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PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 67 HOUND, 4 HARE, 2 BELL HELICOPTERS,  
AND ONE CAB.

25X1D

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- ONE PF, ONE PC, ONE PROBABLE PC, AND 11  
KOMAR-CLASS PGMG.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

BANES PORT 2055N 07542W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 26 LARGE FREIGHTERS, 2 PROBABLE TANKERS  
(ONE HEADED FOR PORT AND ONE AWAY FROM PORT), 7 PT,  
2 PC, ONE PF, 8 COASTAL FREIGHTERS, AND NUMEROUS SMALL  
CRAFT.

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CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER ANCHORED IN HARBOR.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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-ELECTRONICS-

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2300N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 15 VEHICLES/VANS OBSERVED.

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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

SCATTERED CLOUDS AND HAZE PRECLUDE A DETAILED

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INTERPRETATION. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO APPARENT CHANGE  
IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES, OR PIECES  
OF EQUIPMENT.

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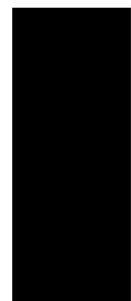


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LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
TWENTY-FIVE VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08311W

ELECTRONICS SITE CONTAINING 6 BARRACKS, ONE T-SHAPED  
BUILDING, AT LEAST 3 COMMO VANS, AND POSSIBLE FLATFACE  
AND SPOONREST RADARS, REVETTED AND IN THE OPEN.

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EL JUCARO, MILITARY AREA 2051N 07543W

TWELVE STORAGE-TYPE BUILDINGS.  
NO MILITARY ACTIVITY, VEHICLES, OR TENTS OBSERVED.

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REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W

SCATTERED CLOUDS, POOR IMAGE QUALITY, AND A GAP IN  
PHOTO COVERAGE PRECLUDE A DETAILED INTERPRETATION.  
HOWEVER, IT IS EVIDENT THAT 4 TANKS/SP GUNS ARE  
MISSING FROM THEIR FORMER POSITIONS -- LEAVING A TOTAL  
OF 31 TANKS/SP GUNS IN THE MOTOR PARK.

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SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES A DETAILED



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INTERPRETATION. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO APPARENT CHANGE  
IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES, OR PIECES  
OF EQUIPMENT.

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SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2255N 08210W

NO CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
ONE COLUMN OF TROOPS (MARCHING FORMATION) LEAVING CAMP  
AND ONE TRUCK WITH TRAILER ENTERING CAMP.

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TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

POOR IMAGE QUALITY AND OBLIQUITY PRECLUDE A DETAILED  
INTERPRETATION. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO APPARENT CHANGE  
IN THE COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES, OR  
PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

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SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY 2221N 07957W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
SEVEN CANVAS-COVERED POSSIBLE TANKS/SP GUNS VISIBLE.

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MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES OR VEHICLE COUNT.

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PURIO, MILITARY AREA 2233N 7952W

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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GUANABO AREA, MILITARY AREA 2311N 08203W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

APPROXIMATELY 20 VEHICLES, 6 FA PIECES AND 7  
PROBABLE FA PIECES OBSERVED.

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GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN EAST OR WEST AREA.

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LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

SITE CONTAINS 3 LOWBOY TRAILERS AND NUMEROUS VEHICLES.

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HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA 1 -- 14 PROBABLE TANKS/SP GUNS VISIBLE.  
AREA 2 -- 6 VEHICLES.  
AREA 3 -- IDENTIFICATION ONLY.  
AREA 4 -- NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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SPECIAL AREA TANGO 2258N 08244W

APPROXIMATELY 7 TANKS/SP GUNS AND 40 OTHER VEHICLES  
OBSERVED AT GUANAJAY MILITARY CAMP.

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-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

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BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
HEADQUARTERS AREA CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 25 VEHICLES.

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SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2224N 07953W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES VISIBLE.

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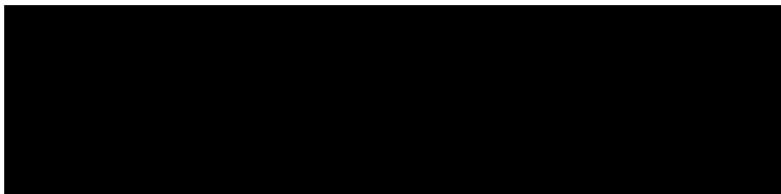
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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE  
LAST COVERAGE --

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| GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1             | 2257N 08239W |
| SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 1      | 2243N 08001W |
| SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2      | 2239N 07951W |
| REMEDIOS IRBM SITE               | 2225N 07935W |
| SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4        | 2246N 08258W |
| GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2             | 2257N 08236W |
| LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE  | 2252N 08233W |
| CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP      | 2256N 08252W |
| MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA   | 2307N 08212W |
| HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA  | 2301N 08226W |
| CAMPO FLORIDA, MILITARY CAMP     | 2307N 08206W |
| SPECIAL AREA ALPHA               | 2258N 08227W |
| SPECIAL AREA HOTEL               | 2301N 08246W |
| SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE          | 2250N 08233W |
| SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED           | 2254N 08231W |
| SPECIAL AREA VICTOR              | 2300N 08234W |
| TARARA LANDING BEACH             | 2310N 08212W |
| NICARO LANDING BEACH             | 2042N 07533W |
| MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE  | 2258N 08218W |
| LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION | 2301N 08245W |

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT  
NOT INTERPRETED --

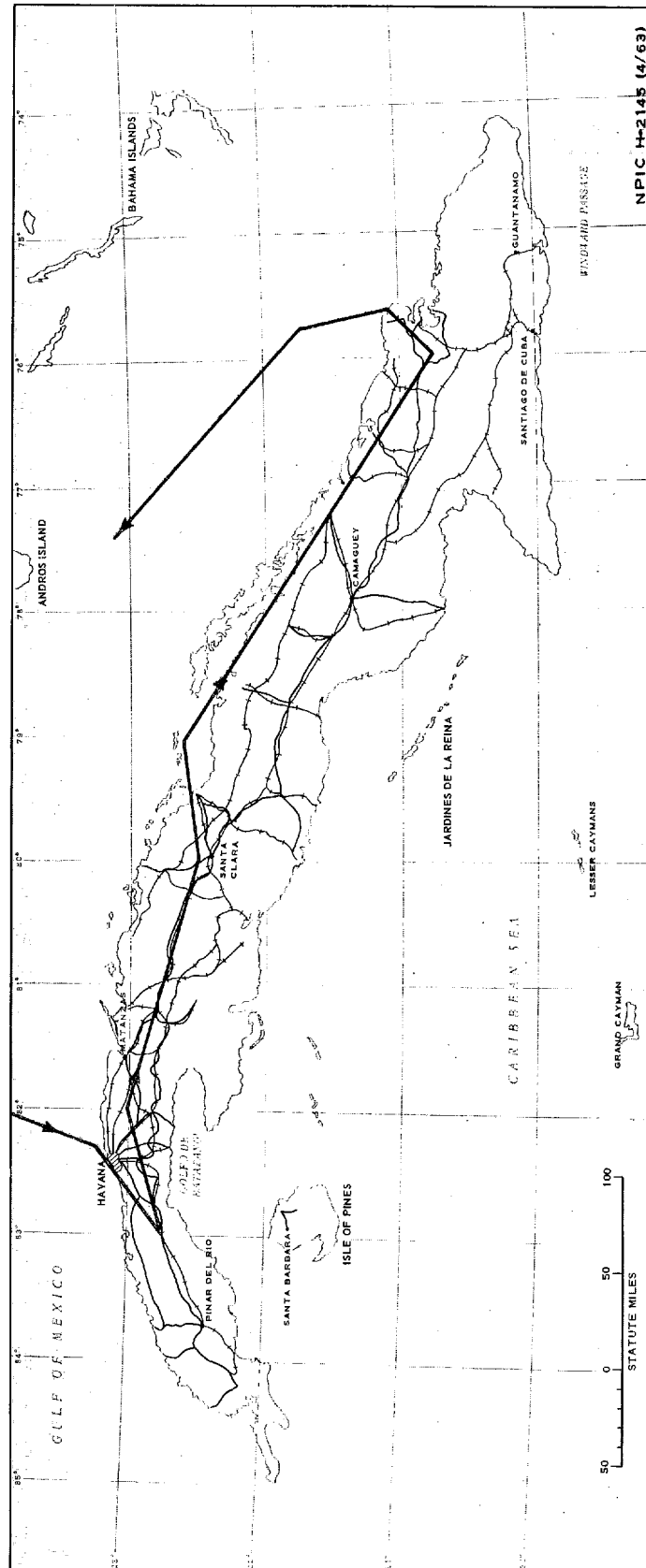
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| BANES CRUISE-MISSILE SITE  | 2058N 07538W |
| SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT | 2241N 08218W |
| NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA    | 2258N 08214W |

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